

TOWN OF WILTON
September 1, 2026
(6:00PM)
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Members Present: David Leavitt, Nathan Hiltz, Nancy Allen, Tiffany Maiuri, Philip Hilton, Maria Greeley (Town Manager), Aaren Wilcox (Clerk)

(FULL RECORDING IS AVAILABLE AT www.mtbluetv.org)

Item #1- Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2 – Minutes from the August 18, 2026 Selectboard Meeting

- Motion by Nathan, Second by Nancy – To approve the minutes from the August 18, 2026 Selectboard meeting with the video clip hyper-link included
Vote: 2-3
Motion fails.

Maria seeks clarification on where the video clip would be sourced from. Nathan states that it would be sourced from Mt. Blue TV. David would like to consult Legal on the topic of inserting hyper-links into the Minutes.

Nathan suggests providing a description of the video clip referenced if there is no hyper-link inserted. Nancy states that she would like to see the video clip referenced in the Minutes, while Phil's preference would be that of a description, rather than a hyper-link and video clip.

- Motion by Nathan, Second by Nancy- To approve the minutes with an Amendment under Item #11 removing the phrase, "clip is no longer available" and inserting in its place the language that describes the content of the clip that was played, which reads as follows, "Nathan references a clip that includes the comments made during discussion under Item #2 of the June 23rd meeting and is played on the screen to facilitate this discussion."
Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #3 – Public Comment

Barry Hathaway thanks the Board for their attention to the flashing school sign in front of Academy Hill School.

Nancy Merrow speaks, showing her support for the previous presentation on the Town's Code Enforcement procedures presented by Mike Wells at the Selectboard Meeting on August 18, 2026.

She would like to volunteer herself and her boyfriend to assist those that may not have the means to haul trash to the transfer station.

Nancy Merrow then speaks on the cost the Town is accruing in legal fees in reference to 280 Main Street.

Item #4 – FOWL Updates from Annual Meeting – Robert Rogers

Robert Rogers, President of the Friends of Wilson Lake, presents, “Friends of Wilson Lake Annual Meeting 2026” (see attached resources) from the Annual Meeting in July, held at the Wilton Lion’s Club.

The presentation provides information on the water level, head gates, minimum flow, 2024 Watershed Survey, Watershed Based Protection Plan, NPS Pollution Prevention, education and awareness, invasives, building capacity, memberships, volunteers and funding, in-lake monitoring and oxygen sensors (Buoys), Wilson Lake temperatures for 2025 statistics (Courtesy of Julia Daly, PHD, University of Maine at Farmington), winter buoy, Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP), water clarity test (Secchi Disk Transparency), temperature profiles, dissolved oxygen, dairy cow phosphorous output, lake phosphorous levels, erosion control mulch, live staking, and member participation opportunities. Wilson Lake Ice-out data provided from 1889-2021.

Nancy asks about the Grant money for the project and what the delay may be. Robert offers an explanation and states that all Grant projects are on hold.

Nathan inquires if there are any lakes in the State of Maine that offers similar qualities for comparison.

Item #5 – All Terrain Vehicle Access Route Ordinances – First Reading

Nancy states that there is a typo under #4, “ATV Access Routes.” Dr. Michael Parker inquires on a potential typo under #2, “Use and Operation of Wilton ATV Access Routes,” (D), referencing language of 500 yards.

Nancy seeks clarification on gaining permission for certain access for numerous residents that utilize those routes for employment.

Dr. Michael Parker suggests different language for #4, “ATV Access Routes,” (D). David explains that the language has gone through Legal.

Nancy asks how a group would request a change to the ordinance. Should a date be designated for the report to be reviewed?

The Board discusses and agrees that the report will be reviewed in December and due no later than the end of February.

David states we will bring the ordinance back for a vote at the next Selectboard Meeting

Phil inquires on what type of official proof of waiver the resident would be required to obtain from Chief Kyes and the Police Department.

Chief Kyes explains the current process for water passes which would be similar for ATV waivers. Tiffany asks if the Police Department would be able to confirm those waivers electronically as well? David speaks on the challenges with allowing additional access to certain routes.

Nathan questions the language listed on the Agenda, referenced as “first reading,” and seeks clarification on the process of approving the new ordinance and how many total steps are in the process. David, the initial draft came from Legal Counsel and then Tiffany and I worked on making some edits.

Tiffany states that the reasoning for the ATV meeting was to gather information. Is there any additional information to be gathered?

Nancy Merrow speaks on the ordinance and the changes made after the ATV Public Access meeting, feeling that the ordinance has reverted to the Board, not the residents.

Barry Hathaway asks the Board to consider the cost of legal counsel in reference to the ATV ordinance a second time.

Nancy Allen seeks clarification from Chief Kyes as to whether this ordinance gives the Police Department the authority to enforce.

Phil asks Chief Kyes if the department would pursue anyone on the trail.

Tiffany speaks, stating that the board cannot enforce, per Legal.

- Motion by Nathan – To hold a public hearing on the ATV Access Route Ordinance
Vote:

No second on the Motion. Motion dies.

Item #6 – Approval Homeland Security HSGP 2025 Grant – Police Department

- Motion by Tiffany, Second by Nathan – To accept Homeland Security HSGP 2025 Grant in the amount of \$10,759.59 and authorize the Town Manager or Police Chief to execute all written documents or related paperwork on behalf of the Town

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Nancy asks if these cameras have voice recording. Chief Kyes will verify.

Item #7- Upcoming Meetings:

- Selectboard Meeting – September 15, 2026 – 6:00PM

Item #8 – Other

Nathan states that on June 23rd he was appointed to the Blueberry Festival Committee and inquires on the timeframe of the follow-up meeting.

David believes we are within the timeframe and a report is being compiled.

Maria speaks on the current committee members, stating that we do not have enough members for a quorum.

Nathan suggests a meeting be set for September 15th with Nancy expressing concerns that the timeframe may be too short.

Tiffany states that she is not opposed to voting now, as long as there has been enough time to review the applications submitted and appoint the new members. Nathan states that he has spoken to the applicants and coordinated their availability for a meeting.

- Motion by Nathan, Second by Phil – To appoint the four (4) Blueberry Festival Committee applicants
Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Blueberry Festival Committee Member Appointees: Faith Jones, Grace Soule, Mary Beane, Nancy Merrow

David requests that members review their calendar for the October Selectboard Guidelines and workshop.

Nancy suggests October 13th. All agree.

The Selectboard Procedure Workshop is set for October 13, 2026 at 4pm at the Town Office Meeting room.

Nancy discusses the Comprehensive Plan meeting from August 31st. The Committee would like to bring the member total to nine (9) people and eliminate Chief Kyes and Jordan Schanck as members, while retaining them as expert individuals to call-on, as needed. Challenges have arisen in achieving a quorum.

Item #9 – Manager's Report (see attached resources)

- Maria reviews the current Manager's Report
- Aaren provides an Election Update

Dr. Michael Parker speaks on the previous discussion about the retaining wall and expresses concerns about ADA compliance and handicapped access.

Maria explains that we are discussing the possibility of paving an access path.

Item #10 – Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) - Evaluation

- Motion by Tiffany, Second by Phil – To move into Executive Session
Vote: 5-0 unanimous
In-Session: 7:36pm
Out of Session: 7:48pm

Item #11 – Possible Action after Executive Session (if applicable)

Item #12 – Executive Session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 841(2) - Poverty/Hardship Abatement

- Motion by Tiffany, Second by Phil – To move into Executive Session
Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
In-Session: 7:57pm
Out of Session: 8:24pm

Item #13 – Possible Action after Executive session (if applicable)

- Motion by Nathan, Second by Phil – To approve Decision Letter, re: Case# 2026-08-18-01
Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #14 - Adjourn

- Motion by Nathan, Second by Nancy – To adjourn
Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Aaren E. Wilcox, Town Clerk